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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

The application of
Seizou MIYAZAKI, et al.

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Examiner: Julie K. Smith

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REQUEST FOR NEW OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 13, 2004, Applicants respectfully request a new Office Action clarifying the following point.

In the July 13 Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 5-7 and 12 are allowed. However, claims 8-11 that depend from claim 7 are rejected. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner clarify the status of claims 8-11, and send a new Office Action with a new period for response.

Respectfully submitted,



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